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2. SUMMARY: RPF COMMANDER PAUL KAGAME MET WITH THE CHARGE ON APRIL 6. HE HAD REQUESTED THE MEETING, HE SAID, TO COUNTER ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE RPF MADE BY THE GOR AND THE FRENCH; IN PARTICULAR, THAT IT WAS CONTEMPLATING A NEW OFFENSIVE. THE CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT SUSPICION HAD BEEN RAISED BY THE RPF'S PREVIOUS ATTACK AND BY ITS UNCOMPROMISING STANCE AT ARUSHA. SHE STRESSED THAT THE RPF SHOULD CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE CEASEFIRE, AND OFFER REALISTIC PROPOSALS ON FORCE RATIOS AND OTHER ISSUES UNDER NEGOTIATION. KAGAME WAS

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OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION, AND DECLARED FLATLY THAT THE RPF WAS NOT CONTEMPLATING AN ATTACK. END SUMMARY

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3. RPF COMMANDER PAUL KAGAME MET WITH THE CHARGE FOR OVER AN HOUR ON APRIL 6 AT THE CHARGE'S RESIDENCE. RPF REPRESENTATIVE DR. EMMANUEL NDAHIRO AND POLOFF ALSO ATTENDED. KAGAME SAID THAT HE ARRIVED IN KAMPALA FROM RWANDA EARLIER THAT DAY AND WOULD RETURN THE EVENING OF APRIL 7. HE HAD REQUESTED THE MEETING, HE SAID, TO COUNTER VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE RPF MADE BY THE GOR AND THE FRENCH. THE RPF, HE DECLARED FLATLY, WAS NOT CONTEMPLATING ANOTHER ATTACK.

4. KAGAME SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ALLEGED RPF ACTIVITIES FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES, INCLUDING:

-- ALLEGATIONS THAT THE RPF WAS PLANNING TO LAUNCH ANOTHER OFFENSIVE. ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE, KAGAME SAID.

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-- U.S. OBSERVER AT ARUSHA COL TONY MARLEY ASKED AN RPF NEGOTIATOR ABOUT A RUMOR THAT 2,000 "ESCAPED" RPF FIGHTERS WERE FIGHTING WITHOUT ORDERS. (ACCORDING TO KAGAME, MARLEY ATTRIBUTED THE STORY TO RPF RADIO.) THE RUMOR WAS NOT TRUE, SAID KAGAME.

-- RADIO KIGALI REPORTED THAT THE RPF WAS MASSING FOR RENEWED ATTACKS DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL. NOT TRUE, SAID KAGAME.

-- FRENCH NEWSPAPERS HAD CARRIED STORIES OF RPF INTRANSIGENCE AT THE ARUSHA TALKS, WHICH THEY SAID MIGHT BE INTENDED TO CREATE A NEGOTIATING DEADLOCK TO PROVIDE A PRETEXT FOR NEW ATTACKS. NOT TRUE, SAID KAGAME.

-- KAGAME HAD BEEN ASKED BY UGANDANS WHETHER IT WAS TRUE THAT THE RPF TEAM HAD WITHDRAWN FROM ARUSHA. NOT TRUE, SAID KAGAME.

-- RADIO RWANDA REPORTED MASSACRES BY THE RPF. (KAGAME DID NOT DISCUSS THESE REPORTS UNTIL ASKED BY POLOFF IF THEY WERE ALSO GROUNDLESS.) NOT TRUE, SAID KAGAME.

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5. THE CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT SUSPICION OF RPF INTENTIONS HAD BEEN RAISED BY THE CEASEFIRE VIOLATION OF FEBRUARY 8, AND THAT WE ALSO HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT RPF \$ERIOUSNESS AT THE NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY ITS PROPOSED RATIOS OF RPA/FAR FORCES. SHE STRESSED THAT THE RPF SHOULD CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE CEASEFIRE, TO

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OFFER REALISTIC PROPOSALS FOR MERGING THE ARMED FORCES, AND TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY ON OTHER ISSUES AT ARUSHA.

6. KAGAME RESPONDED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE ON TRACK, [REDACTED] "I ASSURE YOU THAT WE TAKE IT SERIOUSLY TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION," HE SAID. [REDACTED]

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7. KAGAME DENIED THAT THE RPF PULLED BACK FROM ITS FORWARD POSITIONS BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN OVEREXTENDED.

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THERE WAS "PLENTY OF FOOD AROUND RUHENGIRI," HE SAID,
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AND THE REBELS COULD LIVE OFF THE LAND. (IN ANOTHER
CONTEXT, HOWEVER, KAGAME LATER SAID THAT LOGISTICS WERE
A PROBLEM FOR THE RPF.) HE CHARGED THAT THE GOR DID
NOT WANT THE AREA FROM WHICH THE RPF WITHDREW TO BE
RESETTLED. HE SAID THAT THE RPF HAD OFFERED ASSURANCES
THAT IT WOULD NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CIVILIANS RETURNING
TO THE AREA, BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE FROM THE
GOR. HE ATTRIBUTED REPORTS THAT THE AREA HAD BEEN
MINED TO THE GOVERNMENT, AND SAID THAT A SENEGALESE
NMOG OFFICER HAD DRIVEN ONE ROUTE THAT HAD REPORTEDLY
BEEN MINED AFTER THE GOR REMOVED ITS OWN MINES TO
DEMONSTRATE THAT THERE WERE NOT ANY OTHERS. THE CHARGE
ASKED WHETHER THE RPF HAD PLANTED ANY MINES; "NOT AT
ALL -- NOTHING," HE RESPONDED.

8. KAGAME WAS NOT HAPPY WITH PROPOSALS FOR THE
INTRODUCTION OF UN MONITORING FORCES. IF UGANDA
ALLOWED THEM ON ITS SIDE OF THE BORDER, THAT WAS ITS
OWN AFFAIR; BUT THE RWANDA SIDE WAS "A DIFFERENT
MATTER." IN ANY CASE, THE OBJECT OF A BORDER
MONITORING GROUP IS TO STOP SUPPLIES GOING TO THE RPF

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FROM UGANDA. THE MONITORS NEED TO BE ON ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE BORDER, KAGAME ARGUED. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS UNFAIR TO WORRY ABOUT ONLY SUPPLIES GOING TO THE RPF. WHAT ABOUT SUPPLIES TO THE GOR? HE ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT A SITUATION WHERE THE RPF MAY BE "SURROUNDED," A BEEFED-UP NMOG ON ONE SIDE AND A NEW UN MONITORING FORCE ON THE OTHER, WHILE NO COMPARABLE CONSTRAINTS WERE BEING PLACED ON THE GOR.

9. KAGAME WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR A
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NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. "THE NUMBERS (RATIOS OF COMBINED FORCES) ARE NOT SOMETHING TO FIGHT OVER," HE SAID. (HE LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE RPF MIGHT RESPOND TO OTHER PROVOCATIONS.) THE CHARGE WARNED THAT EVEN IN THE FACE OF PROVOCATION, THE RPF WOULD ONLY UNDERMINE ITS POSITION BY RESUMING HOSTILITIES.

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